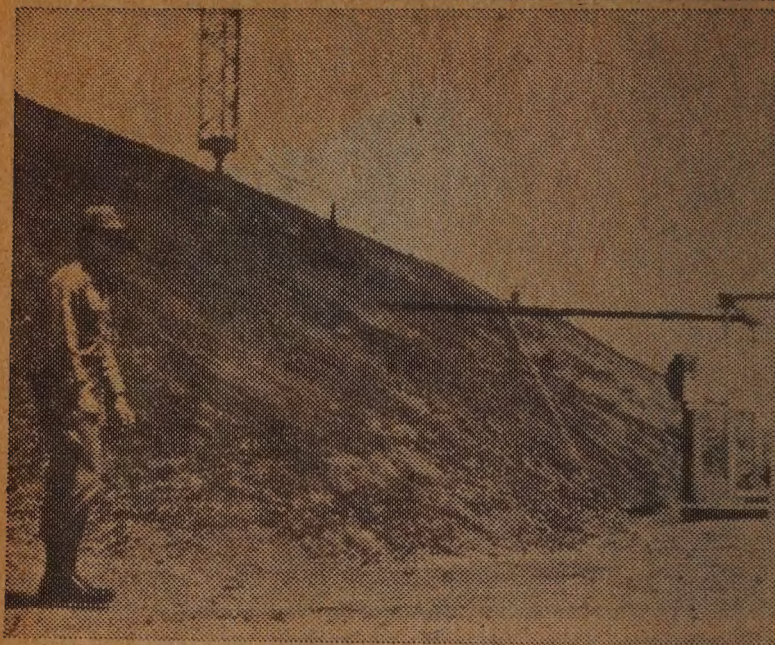


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MESA PATROL: While on a roving patrol, Pfc. Gene Snusz makes a check of one of two communications bunkers at Belen Radio Site. During patrol the guard also inspects the many antennas around the bunkers.

Only Cow Is Company For Belen Guard Detail

On a windy mesa, high above Belen, a small group of men stand guard on a lonely desert outpost, with only a herd of cattle for company.

They are 13 military policemen of Field Command Security Group, who have the duty of providing security for communications bunkers and antennas of Belen Radio Site. Working around the clock in eight hour shifts, they stand guard on pedestrian gates to the radio bunkers, insuring that only those whose names appear on the access list are allowed in. Another man conducts a roving patrol of the bunkers and the innumerable antennas.

While the men are on duty, the only diversion is offered by an occasional steer from a herd of cattle belonging to a Socorro rancher who leased the property to the govern-

ment on the stipulation that his cattle would continue to graze there. Once in a while, a steer tries to enter the enclosure and have a look around.

The quarters offer sharp contrast to their rather drab working area, however. Off duty, the men descend into the green valley to their furnished apartments in Belen.

Living in two-bedroom apartments, the men purchase their own food at a nearby grocery store and prepare their own meals. During their leisure time they share a swimming pool with the other tenants in the apartment building.

The Army has leased a small building near the apartment for use as a dayroom for the MPs and has outfitted it with pool and Ping-Pong tables to provide additional recreation.

BELEN COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY
Transmitter Site looking North
12 August 1963



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"The Bunker" on West Mesa.
One of two built. This was
where the airport is today
The other is south of here 2 miles

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